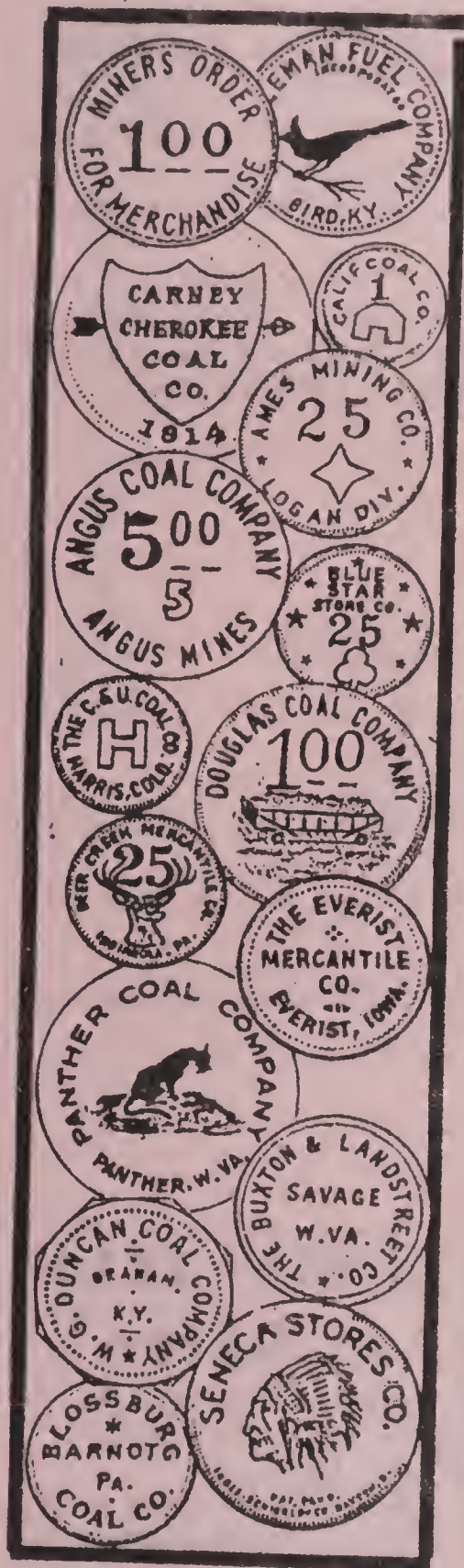


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Starting the listings of this great collection formed over the past twenty years !! Don't miss out on these coal and lumber tokens at your bid price !!



WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO NSCA !!
 Name in (parens) receives contest credit. You can be the membership contest winner -- use the blank below to sign a new member today!! The top membership recruiter will be announced at the Oak Hill Convention....

- 1246. E. C. Kettenbring, Jr., Box 1246, Eules, TX 76039 (Willeges)
- 1247. Dan Grigg, 111 Third St., Oak Hill, WV 25901 (Snodgrass)
- 1248. Stella Elam, HC 71, Box 282, Blackey, KY 41804
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CATALOGS AVAILABLE FROM THE EDITOR:

Edkins Coal Catalog - \$24.00 postpaid to members.
 Vol. I - all states except WV
 Vol. II - West Virginia only
 Dodrill - 20,000 Coal Company Stores - \$10.00 plus \$1 postage.
 Trantow - Lumber token catalog - \$10.00 plus \$1 postage.

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**NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Mail to: Walter Caldwell, Secretary
 P. O. Box 29
 Fayetteville, West Va. 25840

Name:

Address:

Recommended by:

..... Annual dues \$10.00

Copies "Edkins Catalogue of Coal Company Scrip"

Vol. I - All States except WV \$24.00

Vol. II - WV only \$24.00 Postpaid

\$30 to non-members!! Write for dealers quantity prices !!

**SCRIP TALK
 Ad Rates**

FREE ADS FOR MEMBERS
 See Free Ad Page

PAID ADS:

Camera ready copy - Black electric typewritten or black ink -

Full Page - \$ 20.00

Half Page - 10.00

Quarter Page - 5.00

NOTE: If Editor has to prepare copy DOUBLE the above rates !!

CRAWFORD BLAKEMAN, PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOC.
P. O. BOX 536
MIDDLESBORO, KY 40965

CRAWFORD'S CORNER

In a few short weeks, it will be time for the 15th Anniversary NSCA National Convention at the Holiday Inn, Oak Hill, WV. Make your reservations now and join in on the fun on May 1 and 2. This will probably be our last Friday and Saturday convention since the club has voted to change to Saturday and Sunday on future meetings.

Scriptor Paul Jensen graciously offered his time and experience in heading a committee to formulate rules and initiate a program of displays at our semi-annual meetings. He has asked me to make a special appeal for members to make this first "exhibition" a success. While he has already published the rules if you need additional information or want to reserve a space for your display, contact Paul NOW at 606-331-7523.

Written nominations are now in order for any member you feel should be given the FRED LANGE OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD. If you feel that some member has made an outstanding contribution to NSCA, and has been a continuous member for ten or more years, get your letter to me - C. H. Blakeman at the address shown above. I will then appoint a committee to examine the nominations and make recommendations for giving the award. The award has previously been given to the following members: Walter Caldwell, Don Edkins, R. R. Tippy and Bill Williams.

Walter advised that many fine items will be in the forthcoming auctions - something of interest to all of us - so watch the Mail Sale Auctions in "SCRIP TALK". Too, we will have the combination mail and floor bid auction on Friday night, May 1st at the Oak Hill convention. A listing of the items will be found in this bulletin. These auctions seem to be getting better at each meeting and the proceeds are used to offset the convention expense.

REMINDERS:

1. Think about exhibiting something from your collection at Oak Hill. Call Paul Jensen today!!
2. Make your motel reservation for Oak Hill. See the enclosed information.
3. Send in your nominations for the FRED LANGE OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD.
4. If you cannot attend the Oak Hill meeting, mail in your auction bids today!
5. Watch "SCRIP TALK" for super mail auctions coming up !!
6. Talk for your association and try to sign up a new member today. See the application blank in this issue of the bulletin.
7. Send foils on any unlisted catalog pieces to W. E. Williams today !!
8. Send foils on any unlisted catalog exploder pieces to: Dave Schenkman, Box 366, Bryantown, Maryland 20617.

SEE YOU AT OAK HILL !!!

Crawford

GREGORY COAL & MINING CO. By: Scriptor Bill Hamm

One of the Indiana coal companies that have been added to the list of companies issuing tokens in the new coal book is the Gregory Coal & Mining Company of Shelburne, Indiana. Unfortunately, the book completely omits the ornamentation on the token. One problem with the ornament is that it was described in an ad as an "urn". Pennsylvania members would have described the object as a keystone, their state nickname. The use of a keystone design on an Indiana token seems strange at best, unless you know the rest of the story. The keystone on the token represents the Keystone mine which Gregory leased and operated for only five years.

According to the state mine inspector's reports, there was a Keystone mine in Shelburne for many years before Gregory took over. Like most mines of the time, it suffered a continual string of fires and accidents. In 1906 the mine was owned by A. H. Whitset and had 36 employees. On July 5, 1907, there was an explosion that killed the mine boss and superintendent and caused a financial loss of \$1000. The mine was put in the hands of a receiver. In August 1908 the mine, which was then owned by C. C. Heison of Chicago, was leased to the Gregory Coal Mining Company. They cleaned up the mine and began production in September with 40 pick miners, 2 mules, and 10 other employees.

On May 11, 1909, there was another fire that caused them to seal the mine. Mine manager Gregory appealed to the U. S. rescue station at Urbana, Illinois, for assistance, but none was available. Help was sent from Pittsburgh instead. The men came equipped with oxygen helmets and were able to fight the fire where men without helmets had failed. By May 31, it was possible to reopen the mine. Gregory commended the men and their helmets and said that if the helmets had been available the fire could have been stopped immediately. The mine continued to operate under Gregory until June 1913 when it began to be operated by the Old Shelburne Coal Company.

Three denominations of the tokens are known. The fifty cent token is illustrated and I believe it to be the only one presently known. The only ten cent token is the same except only 25mm in diameter. Two of the five cent tokens were discovered first and these are the listing in the coal book. Although all three came to light relatively recently, all came from different sources, so far as I have been able to learn. I believe the four pieces, three different, to be all that have been found so far.



AL 31mm RD
obv: GREGORY COAL & MINING CO.
/ (Keystone) / SHELBERNE, / IND.
rev: GOOD FOR / 50c / IN TRADE



Virginia Street at Oyler Avenue
(U.S. 19)
Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901
304/465-0571

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NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CONVENTION
Friday - Saturday May 1 - 2, 1987

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INFORMATION SHEET

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SHOW CONTACTS:

Motel: John Podgurski
Ladies Activities: Betty Maples
Displays: Paul W. Jensen
Other problems: Janitor Walt Caldwell
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MAIL ENCLOSED RESERVATION CARD BY APRIL
15, 1987 - NOTE GROUP NAME: NSCA
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 30 - Individual trades and deals in NSCA member rooms.
Tours of nearby malls. River raft rides can be arranged for any member
interested !!

Friday, May 1 - 8:00 a.m. - Ballroom open for buying, selling, trading
NOTE: All members wanting FREE tables should contact: John Podgurski,
102 Dutch Lane, Beckley, WV 25901 so that table reservations can be made.
Specify if you want table for one day, both days or what have you !!
6:30 p.m. - NSCA Dutch Dinner - Ballroom - Door Prizes
and other special 'goodies'.

7:30 p.m. - SCRIP AUCTION - Ballroom - Proceeds go
toward convention expenses! See the auction listing in another section
of this bulletin.

Time to be announced: Meeting - Executive Committee -
Officers of NSCA.

Saturday, May 2 - 7:30 a.m. - NSCA Buffet Breakfast - Brief meeting to
follow with SPECIAL AWARDS to be presented.. Door Prizes for those who
attend!!

8:30 a.m. - Ballroom open for public! Note: No
admittance to ballroom before 8:30 a.m. or when breakfast is over!!

4:00 p.m. - Ballroom to close so that another group
can be setup.. Individual trades continue in NSCA members rooms!!
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TO: John Podgurski, 102 Dutch Lane, Beckley, WV 25801

Please reserve a FREE table for me for the NSCA meeting. I will want the
table for _____ and _____ or _____ only...

NAME: _____

Address: _____

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NOTE: A ladies hospitality room will be available. Contact Betty Maples
when you arrive for announcement of the activities planned !!
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W A N T T O B U Y O R T R A D E.....

1. Car checks
2. Lamp checks
3. I. D. checks
4. Coal company stocks and bonds
5. Other paper items related to coal with the exception of post cards.

With reference to Items 1, 2 and 3. All are normally brass and holed. Car and lamp checks are single holed and circular. I. D. checks are two holed and not circular. All must have the name or the initials of the coal company!!

I will buy or trade above listed items PLUS coal scrip from a number of different states. Hope to see many of you at Oak Hill. This from one who has been there - Walter, Corky, John, Elwood & Betty, and others put on a super show !!

R. R. "Tip" T I P P Y - 1021/2 Meadow Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
Phone: 615-483-1017

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W A N T E D !!

TEN MEMBERS TO MAKE UP A SCRIP DISPLAY FOR THE OAK HILL CONVENTION !! SEE THE RULES IN THE LAST ISSUE OF "SCRIP TALK"... WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION SINCE OAK HILL ALWAYS ATTRACTS A LOT OF WALK IN TRAFFIC ... AND, THEY MIGHT BECOME MEMBERS OF NSCA !!

CONTACT: Paul W. Jensen, 2472 Orchid Lane, Villa Hills, KY 41017

RESERVATION CARDS FOR THE OAK HILL NATIONAL CONVENTION ARE ENCLOSED IN MOST COPIES OF THIS ISSUE OF "SCRIP TALK". PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU SHOULD MARK "NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS" ON THE CARD IN THE SPACE MARKED "group name".... TOO, BE AWARE THAT YOUR RESERVATION SHOULD BE MADE BY APRIL 15, 1987 SINCE WE HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS RESERVED!! THIS IS THE START OF WHITE WATER RAFTING IN THIS AREA AND THE INN MIGHT FILL UP..... THERE IS, HOWEVER, A NEW ENLARGED COMFORT INN WITH A MILE AND AN ECONOMY LODGE WITHIN TWO MILES OR SO FROM OAK HILL..... IF YOU FIND THE HOLIDAY INN FILLED, COME ON ANYWAY - WE'LL FIND SOMEPLACE FOR YOU TO CRASH OUT !!

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